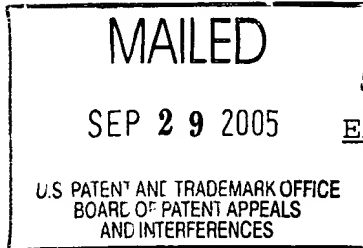


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte BILL KITCHEN, GINGER B. MOSES,  
RALPH AU, CLARENCE M. BRINGARDNER  
and KENNETH W. BRADLEY III

Application No. 09/892,628

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 20, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

Appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on December 3, 2001. It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the statement submitted or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is electronically returned to the examiner for consideration of the IDS filed on

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December 3, 2001, written notification to appellants of  
consideration, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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